

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Giles Nelson S7263

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District of North Carolina

On this 16th day of November 1818, before me the Subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Giles Nelson, age 65 years, resident in Pitt County in the said district – who being by me first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war”: That he the said Giles Nelson, in the year 1776, enlisted in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain John Inloe [sic, John Enloe] of the fifth Regiment, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment for two & an half years; that he continued to serve in the said fifth Regiment, but in different companies, until the end of the said enlistment – and being then prevailed upon by Colonel Armstrong [James Armstrong] of the said Regiment, he agreed to continue in service, and did so continued, until the 17th of January 1782, on which day he obtained a discharge from Colonel Armstrong which he now exhibits; that after the capture of Lord Cornwallis [Yorktown, October 19, 1781] he obtained a furlough to go home; and after his return home, in the County of Pitt aforesaid, in the State of North Carolina, he obtained his said discharge; that he was in no regular battle; and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year first aforesaid.

S/ H. Potter, D.J.U.S.N.C.

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North Carolina District

Britain Jones¹ maketh oath that he saw the aforesaid Giles Nelson in the Service of the United States, as a Soldier in the Cotton Army, in the revolutionary war, & served with him for some months; but thinks not so long as nine months; & further saith not.

Sworn to before me the 16th of November 1818.

S/ H. Potter, D.J.U.S.N.C.

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North Carolina District

John Anderson² maketh oath that the aforesaid Giles Nelson served more than nine months, in the same Company with deponent, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental

1 [Britain \(Britton\) Jones R5739](#)

2 [John Anderson S6511](#)

establishment, in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war – in Captain Enloe's Company of the fifth Regiment And further saith not.

Sworn to before me the 16th of November 1818

S/ H. Potter, D.J.U.S.N.C.

The said John Anderson further saith on oath, that the discharge now shown to him, purporting to have been given by Colonel James Armstrong to Giles Nelson on the 17th of January 1782 is in the hand writing and signed by the said Colonel Armstrong, to the best of his knowledge, that he frequently saw his hand writing; and that the said James Armstrong was a Colonel in the Continental Army of the United States in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to before [me] the 16th November 1818

S/ H. Potter, D.J.U.S.N.C.

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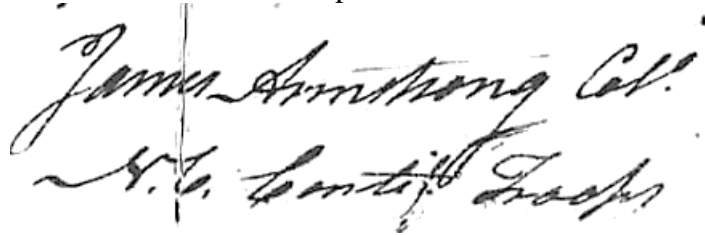
Fifth Regiment North Carolina Continental Troops Commanded by Colonel James Armstrong

These unto Certify, that the Bearer hereof Giles Nelson a private Soldier, has served in the above said Regiment for the space of three years, and is for the reason below mentioned, discharged from the said Regiment, he having received his pay, arrears of pay, clothing of all sorts, and all other just demands, from the time of enlisting in the said Regiment to this day of his Discharge, as appears by his receipt on the Back of his discharge, he is Discharged having served the term of time out faithfully and to prevent any ill use that may be made of this discharge, by its falling into the hands of any other person whatsoever, here follows the description of the above Giles Nelson, aged 27 years, 5'6" high, light complexion, dark hair, Blue eyes, Born in Pitt County N. Carolina, by trade a farmer.

Given under my hand Pitt County this 17th day of January 1782.

S/ James Armstrong, Col.

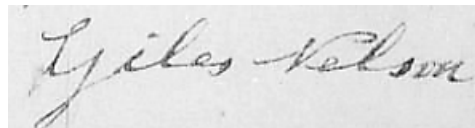
N. C. Conti'l Troops

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Armstrong Col." followed by "N. C. Conti'l Troops" on a second line.

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I Giles Nelson do acknowledge to have received all my pay, arrears of pay, clothing of all sorts and all other Just Demands, from the date of my enlisting into the said Regiment to this day of my Discharge.

S/ Giles Nelson

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Giles Nelson".

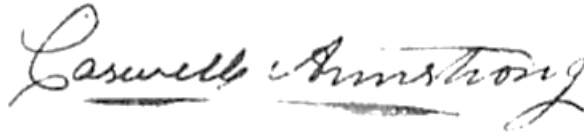
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State of North Carolina Pitt County the fifth day of November 1818

Personally came before me J. A. Blackwell one of the Justices of the Peace for said County Caswell Armstrong who hath Deposed & Said on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, that he is well acquainted with the signature and the hand writing of Colonel James Armstrong – and he believes the Certificate given on the 17th of January 1782 by the said James Armstrong to Giles Nelson to be his own hand writing & Signature to the Certificate attached.

S/ J. A. Blackwell, JP

S/ Caswell Armstrong

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caswell Armstrong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "S/ Caswell Armstrong".

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State of North Carolina, Pitt County} SS

On this 10th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid, now sitting (the same being a Court of record) Giles Nelson a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy-Nine years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was a Soldier of the Army of the Revolution a private in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line, that he was placed on the Pension Roll under the Act of March 18, 1818 of the North Carolina Agency, received a Certificate thereof and then the first payment due thereon – and was struck off from the same on account of property – that he now resides in the County of Pitt aforesaid, and resided there at the time the first application was made.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State, or if any, only that of the agency in the State of North Carolina, from which he has been stricken off as aforesaid.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/ Archibald Parker, Clerk

S/ Giles Nelson, X his mark

[Veteran was initially pensioned at the rate of \$8 per month commencing November 16, 1818 for service as a private for 6 years in the North Carolina Continental line. For reasons explained in the documents transcribed above the Veteran's pension was discontinued under the 1820 act because he owned too much property and did not qualify as in indigent. Veteran was pensioned in 1832 at the rate of \$80 per annum commencing March 4, 1831, for service as a private for 2 years in the North Carolina Continental line.]